

## Message Text

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SUBJ: PROPOSED 1979 BPW HEMISPHERIC CONFERENCE

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1. GUATEMALA OFFERS MANY ADVANTAGES AS A POTENTIAL SITE  
FOR THE 1979 BPW HEMISPHERIC CONFERENCE.

2. APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES FROM THE AIRPORT THERE ARE  
SITUATED THREE LARGE AND MODERN HOTELS WITH ALL FACILITIES,  
I.E. SWIMMING POOL, ETC. THE EL DORADO AMERICANA HAS 250  
ROOMS AND A CONFERENCE ROOM THAT SEATS 800 PEOPLE. THE  
CONFERENCE ROOM IS ALSO EQUIPPED WITH INSTANTANEOUS TRANS-  
LATION SERVICE. THE CAMINO-REAL/BILTMORE IS TWO BLOCKS  
FROM THE EL DORADO AND HAS 417 ROOMS. THE CONFERENCE  
ROOM WILL SEAT 1,000 PEOPLE BUT DOES NOT OFFER TRANSLATION  
SERVICE. THE GUATEMALA FIESTA HAS 150 ROOMS, BUT NO CON-  
FERENCE ROOM SUITABLE FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE. APPROXIMATELY  
15 BLOCKS FROM THE EL DORADO IS THE CONQUISTADOR WHICH HAS  
150 ROOMS AND CONFERENCE ROOM FOR 350 PEOPLE. COST PER SINGLE  
ROOM FOR ALL HOTELS IS FROM USDOL 22.00 TO \$25.00 PER NIGHT.  
APPROXIMATELY USDOL 5.00 ADDITIONAL FOR DOUBLE ROOM.

3. GUATEMALA IS SERVICED DAILY FROM THE UNITED STATES BY PAN  
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AMERICAN FROM NEW YORK, MIAMI, HOUSTON AND SAN FRANCISCO/  
LOS ANGELES. MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY THERE ARE DIRECT  
FLIGHTS FROM WASHINGTON, DC. ON THE SOUTHERN ROUTE PAN  
AMERICAN HAS DAILY FLIGHTS TO ALL CENTRAL AMERICAN CAPITALS  
EXCEPT TEGUCIGALPA. THERE ARE ALSO DAILY FLIGHTS TO RIO DE  
JANEIRO, CARACAS AND PANAMA, WITH CONNECTIONS TO ANY POINT IN  
SOUTH AMERICA. BESIDES PAN AMERICAN, GUATEMALA IS SERVICED

BY IBERIA, LUFTHANSA, SAHSA, AVIATECA, TACA, COPA, AND  
NUMEROUS OTHER AIRLINES THAT HAVE TWICE A WEEK FLIGHTS.

4. GUATEMALA IS KNOWN AS THE LAND OF ETERNAL SPRING AND HAS  
WARM DAYS AND COOL NIGHTS. FOR MOST OF THE YEAR THERE IS  
NO RAIN AT ALL. THE RAINY SEASON IS FROM MAY TO NOVEMBER  
AND SIGHTSEEING ACTIVITIES WOULD BE SOMEWHAT HAMPERED.

5. GUATEMALA, BEING RICH IN MAYAN, SPANISH COLONIAL AND  
INDIAN CULTURE, COULD PROVIDE A WIDE VARIETY OF SIGHTSEEING  
TOURS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES. THE EMBASSY HAS FORWARDED A SET  
OF APPROXIMATELY 75 COLORED SLIDES TO THE FSI POST BRIEFING  
CENTER WHICH MEMBERS OF THE BPW COMMITTEE MIGHT WISH TO LOOK  
AT, WHICH PROVIDE A GENERAL IDEA OF TOURISTIC AND OTHER  
INTERESTS IN GUATEMALA.

6. EMBASSY REGRETS DELAY IN REPLYING TO REFTEL.  
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